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In re application of

E. Michael Kerr et al

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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Official Action dated November 20, 2001 with an initial term for response expiring on February 20, 2002. Please find attached herewith in duplicate a request for a three-month extension of time, and a check in the amount of \$920, bringing the term for response to May 20, 2002. Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-2126 for any additional fees that may be required to effect this response.

Please amend the application as follows: